

# U.S. TAKES ACTION TO QUELL "REDS"

Sharp Measures Resorted to to Prevent Bolshevik Operation Here

## PLOTS MEET FAILURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Sharp measures have been taken by the United States Government to prevent any Bolshevik operations in this country. In admitting this today officials of the Department of Justice simultaneously "clamped down the lid" on all explanations of just what is being done to prevent revolutionary movements being fostered from the United States. Until a complete official report has been received from the port officials on the Pacific Coast regarding the presence of rifles and ammunition alleged to have been brought there in the Russian vessel Shilka, which was manned by a Bolshevik crew, the department refuses to confirm the report that these munitions were consigned to the Industrial Workers of the World for revolutionary purposes.

The situation admittedly is peculiar. The pro-German campaign carried on within the United States ever since the commencement of the world war still spreads out like a spider web. Included in the activity are the Irish agitators, who have been trying to raise enormous sums of money to foster revolution. Then there are the Mexican and Central American revolutionists who have been fully financed by German money in the expectation that they would be able to force a revolution which would necessitate the United States keeping its forces occupied here in protecting the border and coasts. The Industrial Workers have fostered sabotage in the mills, mines and forests of the West, and they also are alleged to have been "egghead" on to impossible conspiracies by German money. There have also been minor movements in many places which cannot be given publicity.

In no instance has any one effort to make real trouble for the Government been successful. The efficiency of the various governmental bureaus, whose task it has been to cope with traitors and near-traitors, has been marked. It is useless even to hint at what has been done, but the wholesale arrests made in many sections of the country from time to time have prevented possible organized outbreaks.

It is now fully realized that more stringent laws are needed to completely crush this evil. President Wilson made this emphatic in his recent address to Congress. Since that time the Department of Justice has been working on proposed new laws, which will be ready to present to Congress as soon as it reconvenes after the holidays. These laws will not only increase the powers of the agents of the department, but will provide prison terms at hard labor, instead of full board at internment camps, for both men and women who plot against the United States or who plan to use the territory of the United States for plots to overthrow the existing order of things.

It is expected that very soon the entire propaganda of the Industrial Workers of the World will have the spotlight of publicity thrown upon it when the trials of the leaders arrested some months ago begin in Chicago. Although the Department of Justice is not revealing its case in advance it is stated that the evidence which is ready to be presented for the jury that will try these agitators will conclusively show the source of the money used to recruit the membership of the "direct actionists."

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The Keystone State's bumper farm crops of last season are destined to be surpassed next year if visiting soil tillers apply to their own fields all the information they will gather from experts who address them. Results of long-time experiments in beef cattle feeding, fruit growing and poultry raising on State College farms will be expounded by members of the college research staff.

During the week lectures and demonstrations will be given by 111 different speakers. Most of them are men and women in employ of State agricultural institutions, or are experts in some line of work connected with the farm. They will talk on nearly every subject of interest to farmers and their wives. One of the features is the boys' and girls' section, which will be observed for the first three days. All useful occupations about the farm for the young folks will be discussed and demonstrated by experts trained in young people's activities. Organized play for farm children will have prominent part in their program.

Eleven important sections of agricultural activity have been emphasized in the program. Each has been arranged so a farmer interested in a single branch of farm work may give all his time to the lecture in which he is most interested. Sessions will be held in the following: Soils and farm crops, farm machinery and farm management, dairy production, dairy manufacturing practice, live stock, poultry, fruit growing, vegetable gardening, landscape gardening and floriculture, home economics, rural life and the boys' and girls' section.

# HUN MUNITION PLANTS DAMAGED IN AIR RAID

Reports Show Heavy Damage Inflicted by Bombs at Mannheim

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—Heavy damage was done to factories manufacturing war materials when British airmen bombed Mannheim, Germany, on Monday. It was learned today from a German source.

One bomb narrowly missed the statue of Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor," in the public square.

Mannheim lies in the Grand Duchy of Baden and contains many manufacturing plants of chemicals and iron and steel plants. It is 325 miles from the British aerial base at Dunkirk, although the flight may have been made from some other starting point.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Monday's British air raid on the German city of Mannheim was the first instance of an exact reprisal policy for Hun air murder over England, according to announcement today. It was the first air raid carried out by British flyers which did not aim at purely military objectives.

All London newspapers expressed satisfaction at actual carrying out of the policy of "eye for eye and tooth for tooth" reprisal announced by Premier Lloyd George in October and on December 14 reiterated by Lord Rothermere, British Air Minister, in his Grays Inn speech.

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Driver Hung, Two Passengers Killed and Stores Looted by Mexicans in Texas

VALENTINE, Tex., Dec. 26.—Detachments of American troops today are pursuing Mexican bandits who hanged and cut the throat of Michael Welch, driver of a mail stage, and shot and killed two Mexican-American passengers at Candalaria. Reports that troops had overtaken the bandits were brought by men who brought the body of Welch to this city.

The troops took up the trail of the bandits within thirty minutes after Welch had been killed. It was believed the soldiers would easily overtake the bandits, who were burdened with loot taken from the I. C. White store at Candalaria.

Welch was taken from his stage and hanged in the doorway of the White store. After killing Welch, the bandits seized all available horses and loaded them with loot.

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